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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Election Restriction dated March 17, 2006, please consider the following.

The Examiner has restricted the application identifying six groups relating to various figures of Applicant's invention. The Examiner states that the disclosed species may be classified together but the diverging subject matter of each disclosed species is considered a serious burden on the Examiner.

However, this is not the criteria for a serious burden. MPEP 803 states "for purpose of initial requirement, a serious burden on the Examiner may be prima facie shown by appropriate explanation of separate classification, or separate status in the

art, or a different field of search" as defined in MPEP §808.02. Here, the Examiner has failed to show separate classification, separate status in the art for that a different field of search is required. In fact, the Examiner indicates that the species are classified together. Thus, the Examiner has failed to show a prima facie case that a serious burden exists. By failing to show that a serious burden exists, the Examiner must examine all of the alleged species on the merits.

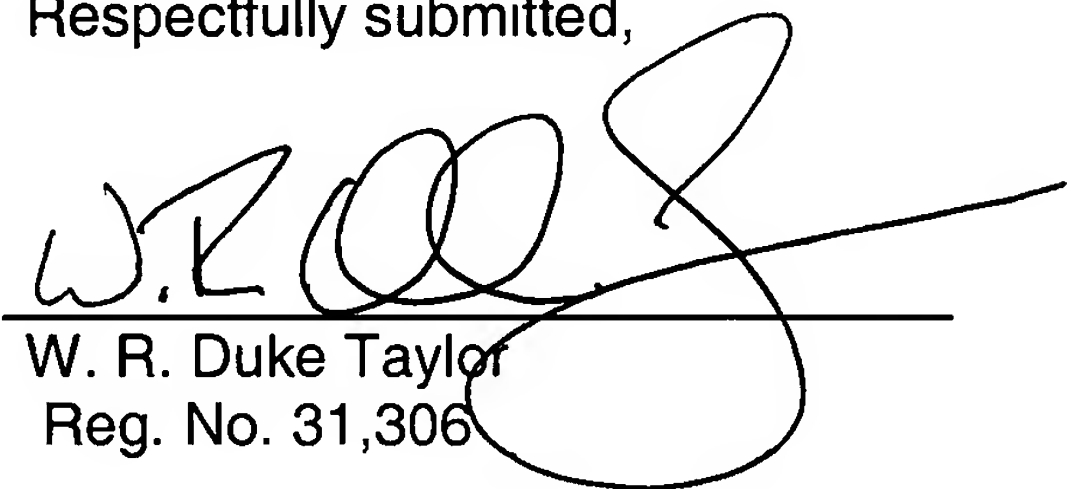
In the event that the Examiner disagrees with Applicant's position, Applicant elects Group 1 directed to Figures 1-4 which relate to Claims 1, 2, 3 and 9.

Should the Examiner have any additional questions or comments, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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